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**REMARKS:**

In the amendment above, claim 1 has been cancelled. It is noted that claims 2 and 6 have been found allowable if rewritten to be independent of any rejected claims. Accordingly, allowable claims 2 and 6 have been rewritten in independent form, containing their original contents. Claim 21 has been amended so that it depends from allowable claim 2, and combines the features of claim 2 with those of allowable claim 6. Therefore, all the claims presented herein are now considered to be allowable.

It is therefore submitted that this application is in condition for prompt allowance; and that all of the objections, rejections and requirements raised in the Office action have been met. Early, favorable treatment of this application is requested.

The examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned with any questions or comments so that efforts may be made to resolve any remaining issues.

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